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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ronghua Wei et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING A NITRIDE LAYER ON A  
BIOMEDICAL DEVICE

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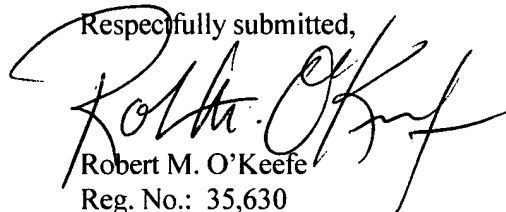
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**SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS**

Applicants hereby submit the formal drawings for the above-referenced application and request that these drawings be accepted for filing.

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